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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS CARL VINSON started the year at Pier 3, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California standing down for Christmas leave on 6 January 1986. CARL VINSON got underway for Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications during the period 7 to 13 January.

Captain Doyle J. Borchers, II, USN, was relieved as Executive Officer on 17 January 1986 by Commander Robert C. Williamson, Jr.

CARL VINSON completed its Ship's Restricted Availability on 12 March. From 13 March through 15 April, independent steaming operations commenced in the Southern California Operating Area with the embarked airwing, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, for Carrier Qualifications and READIEX 86-3.

Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, embarked on board USS CARL VINSON, consisted of nine squadrons. They were Fighter Squadrons (VF) 51 and 111, flying the F-14 Tomcat; Medium Attack Squadron (VA) 52 flying the A-6E Intruder; Light Attack Squadrons (VA) 27 and 97, flying the A-7E Corsair; Air Antisubmarine Squadron (VS) 29, flying the S-3A Viking; Air Antisubmarine Helicopter Squadron (HS) 4, flying the SH-3H Sea King; Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 134, flying the EA-6B Prowler; and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 114, flying the E-2C Hawkeye. Also embarked during WESTPAC 86-87 was one C-2A Greyhound aircraft from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 50 and one EA-3 aircraft from Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1.

Captain Thomas A. Mercer, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS CARL VINSON by Captain George D. O'Brien, Jr., on 20 March 1986.

USS CARL VINSON participated in RIMPAC 86 from 27 May to 18 June. The exercise involved navies from Japan, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and the United States, and ended with an inport period from 19 to 24 June in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

CARL VINSON departed Hawaii on 25 June (b) (3) (A)

CARL VINSON returned to Alameda on 2 July for pre-deployment standdown.

On 12 August, the ship departed NAS Alameda for an extended Western Pacific deployment via the Northern Pacific and Bering Sea. Staffs embarked on board were Commander, Carrier Group THREE, RADM Edward W. Clexton, Jr.; Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE, CAPT James B. Perkins, III; and Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, CAPT Ronald J. Zlatoper. NORPAC/Bering Sea Ops in August were the first conducted in naval history. It presented unique challenges, with high winds, low clouds and fog in the summer and rapidly varying conditions. CARL VINSON wrote a new chapter in the history of USN CV operations during 18-24 August 1986.

Despite the weather, Air Department, Air Operations, Combat Direction Center, Communications Department and the Intelligence Center turned in strong performances.

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On 27 August, USS CARL VINSON inchooped to Commander, Seventh Fleet. During its transit to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, CARL VINSON participated in several exercises in or near Japan and Korea, which concluded with a four-day port visit to Pusan, Korea.

Following a six-day port visit at Subic Bay, CARL VINSON got underway for its third Indian Ocean/North Arabian Sea deployment. En route, representatives of the Sultan of Brunei visited the Battlestar and were given an orientation tour. Brunei is an independent nation, located on Borneo's northwestern coast.

After a six-day visit to Singapore, CARL VINSON continued west and entered the Indian Ocean on 29 September. At the completion of a short operating period, CARL VINSON made a seven-day visit to Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories.

On 11 October, CARL VINSON began a four-day transit to Masirah, Oman.

Over the next two weeks, CARL VINSON conducted several exercises before returning to Masirah. After a short anchorage at Masirah, CARL VINSON conducted port visits at Mombasa, Kenya, and Diego Garcia, followed by an underway visit by ADM James A. Lyons, Jr., CINCPACFLT. CARL VINSON participated in four exercises prior to visiting Freemantle, Western Australia during a lull in the America's Cup competition, where it remained through the Christmas holiday.

1986 ended with CARL VINSON underway in the Indian Ocean.

## CARL VINSON CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
01 JAN - 06 JAN 86	INPORT ALAMEDA, CHRISTMAS LEAVE
07 JAN - 13 JAN 86	FRS CQ
14 JAN - 12 MAR 86	INPORT ALAMEDA, UPKEEP
19 FEB 86	COMCARAIRWING FIFTEEN CHANGE OF COMMAND
28 FEB 86	COMCARGRU THREE CHANGE OF COMMAND
01 MAR 86	CARL VINSON'S 4TH BIRTHDAY
03 MAR 86	COMMAND INSPECTION
13 MAR - 18 MAR 86	CVW-15 CQ
19 MAR - 21 MAR 86	INPORT SAN DIEGO
20 MAR 86	CARL VINSON'S CHANGE OF COMMAND
22 MAR - 28 MAR 86	AIR OPERATIONS, SOCAL
29 MAR - 30 MAR 86	INPORT SAN DIEGO
31 MAR - 14 APR 86	ADVANCE TRAINING ASSESSMENT, AIR OPS
15 APR - 01 MAY 86	INPORT ALAMEDA, UPKEEP
02 MAY - 16 MAY 86	AIR OPS ENROUTE HAWAII
17 MAY - 26 MAY 86	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
27 MAY - 18 JUN 86	RIMPAC 86, BGE EVALUATION
19 JUN - 24 JUN 86	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
25 JUN - 02 JUL 86	AIR OPS ENROUTE ALAMEDA
03 JUL - 11 AUG 86	POM
12 AUG 86	DEPLOY WESTPAC
12 AUG - 17 AUG 86	TRANSITEX 86-20A
18 AUG - 22 AUG 86	NORPAC OPS BERING SEA
20 AUG - 21 AUG 86	LOW LEVELS ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
21 AUG - 24 AUG 86	SUMMER, NORTHERN PACIFIC OPS
27 AUG 86	INCHOP SEVENTH FLEET
28 AUG - 30 AUG 86	RIPSAW BOMBING, JAPAN
31 AUG 86	CHINHAIE MINEX, KOREA
01 SEP - 05 SEP 86	IN PORT PUSAN, KOREA
05 SEP 86	KOON-NI BOMBING, LOW LEVELS, KOREA
05 SEP - 06 SEP 86	SEVENTH FLEET INCHOPEX 86-4
07 SEP - 08 SEP 86	TORI SHIMA BOMBING
09 SEP - 10 SEP 86	CONRECEX 2-86
09 SEP - 18 SEP 86	COPE THUNDER 86-7
12 SEP - 17 SEP 86	IN PORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
18 SEP 86	SINKEX
20 SEP 86	Representative of the SULTAN OF BRUNEI/DISTINGUISHED VISITOR PRESENTATION
23 SEP - 28 SEP 86	IN PORT SINGAPORE
29 SEP 86	SONG SONG BOMBING, MALAYSIA
29 SEP - 30 SEP 86	ASW 36HR EXTENDEX
02 OCT 86	WOG DAY
05 OCT - 11 OCT 86	IN PORT DIEGO GARCIA
10 OCT - 11 OCT 86	PORT BREAKOUT (BG, MLSF)
17 OCT - 21 OCT 86	ANCHORAGE MISIRAH
25 OCT - 28 OCT 86	BEACON FLASH BOMBING, LOW LEVELS
29 OCT 86	RM PASSEX, 0TH USS MISSOURI 1000 NM STRIKE

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DATEEVENTS

30OCT - 02NOV86	ANCHORAGE MISIRAH
04NOV - 05NOV86	FRENCH COMIDEASTFOR PASSEX
07NOV - 11NOV86	ANCHORAGE MISIRAH
17NOV - 23NOV86	IN PORT MOMBASA, KENYA
29NOV - 06DEC86	IN PORT DIEGO GARCIA
01DEC - 03DEC86	CINCPACFLT VISIT
07DEC - 10DEC86	WEAPONS WEEK 87-1
15DEC - 16DEC86	BUSY CUSTOMER 87-1
16DEC - 17DEC86	RAN PASSEX
17DEC - 18DEC86	LEARMONTH LANCELIN BOMBING, LOW LEVELS
19DEC - 26DEC86	IN PORT FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA
31DEC86	INDONESIAN DV PRESENTATION

# 1986 MAJOR OPERATIONAL EVOLUTIONS (UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS)

09 JAN	UNREP WITH USS WABASH (AOR-5) (500,000 GALS JP-5)
10 JAN	UNREP WITH USS KISKA (AE-35) (444 PALLETS AMMUNITION)
15 MAR	UNREP WITH USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22) (400 PALLETS IRF)
17 MAR	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (500,000 GALS JP-5)
27 MAR	UNREP WITH USS JOULETT (CG-29) (DELIVERED 60,000 GALS JP-5)
02 APR	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,300,000 GALS JP-5)
07 APR	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,000,000 GALS JP-5)
12 MAY	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (550,000 GALS JP-5)
29 MAY	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,000,000 GALS JP-5)
01 JUN	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,000,000 GALS JP-5)
02 JUN	UNREP WITH USS BREWTON (FF-1086) (DELIVERED TOKEN HOOKUP)
06 JUN	UNREP WITH HMAS SYDNEY (FFG 03) (DELIVERED 60,000 GALS JP-5)
17 JUN	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (775,000 GALS JP-5)
27 JUN	UNREP WITH USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180) (1,500,000 GALS JP-5)
01 JUL	UNREP WITH USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29) (140 PALLETS NFT)
14 AUG	UNREP WITH USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) (850,000 GALS JP-5)
16 AUG	UNREP WITH USS FOSTER (DD-964) (100,000 GALS JP-5)
20 AUG	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,500,000 GALS JP-5)
22 AUG	UNREP WITH USS BERKELEY (DDG-13) (DELIVERED TOKEN HOOKUP)
26 AUG	UNREP WITH USS BERKELEY (DDG-13) (50,000 GALS JP-5)
30 AUG	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,500,000 GALS JP-5)
09 SEP	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKA (AOR-7) (800,000 GALS JP-5)
01 OCT	UNREP WITH USS SAN JOSE (AFS-7) (270 PALLETS PROVISION)
03 OCT	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,300,000 GALS JP-5)
14 OCT	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,000,000 GALS JP-5)
23 OCT	UNREP WITH FNS VAR (AO-608) (RECEIVED DRY HOOKUP)
27 OCT	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,400,000 GALS JP-5)
12 NOV	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,500,000 GALS JP-5)
15 NOV	UNREP WITH USS SAN JOSE (AFS-7) (300 PALLETS PROVISION AND RETROGRADE)
28 NOV	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,300,000 GALS JP-5)
14 DEC	UNREP WITH USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) (1,400,000 GALS JP-5)

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**Reactor Department.** During 1986, the CARL VINSON spent a total of three months in its homeport of Alameda, CA. These short inport periods were utilized to complete several involved maintenance evolutions required to support the operational tempo. Again, Reactor and Engineering Departments were equal to the task, completing all required maintenance on or ahead of schedule. (b) (3) (A)

CARL VINSON returned to Alameda on 2 July 1986, after completing RIMPAC 86 requirements. The exercise involved multi-national battle group operations in a "Free Play" scenario. (b) (3) (A)

In a typically outstanding fashion, the Reactor and Engineering Departments met or exceeded all requirements of the exercises. (b) (3) (A)

In July, Commander (b) (3) (A) was relieved by Commander (b) (3) (A) as Reactor Officer on USS CARL VINSON. The continued success of the department is a reflection of the high standards set by these two men. On 12 August, the ship embarked on its third deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean theater of operation. The deployment was marked by several superb accomplishments in both Reactor and Engineering Departments. (b) (3) (A)

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**Supply Department.** The Supply Department hit the deck running to start 1986. The first two quarters went quickly as preparations for an upcoming Supply Inspection began and the ship took part in READIEX 86-3 (March-April 1986) and RIMPAC 86 (May-July 1986). The high operating tempo during these two exercises required an unusually intensive Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) loadout by the Material, Aviation Support, Food Service and Ship's Store divisions. These loadouts were required to replenish stores used up in support of the exercises. READIEX saw the establishment of the logistics team within Battle Group CHARLIE which would exist throughout RIMPAC and the NORPAC/WESTPAC/Indian Ocean deployment. Underway logistics for RIMPAC were especially complex as two carrier battle groups operated in mutual support across an ocean area exceeding 1,500 nautical miles; transfers of critical material were a great challenge, but one which was successfully overcome. Also complicating the logistics picture was the inclusion of Japanese, English, Canadian, and Australian units into the exercise. During the first quarter, the department was deeply involved in preparations for the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) which took place in April 1986. This was the first inspection in AIRPAC using the accountability criteria contained in the type commander's new inventory accuracy directives. The long hours of hard work in preparation for the inspection paid off as the department received an overall grade of EXCELLENT. Numerous people received commendatory comments in the final type commander inspection report. In late April, the recently established Depot Level Repairable (DLR) branch began the ship's first reconciliation of its repairable assets. This joint effort by the ship's company and a type commander assist team, involved the inventorying of more than 12,000 DLR items. Deploying in August, CARL VINSON became the first carrier to operate for an extended period in the Bering Sea. This new environment required imagination to overcome both the elements and the scarcity of logistics support in the area. In spite of these adverse conditions the NMCS/PMCS and Casualty Report (CASREP) rates were kept to a minimum. Strenuous expediting kept the former under control while a vigorous Urgent Material Screen program held CASREPs to a new low for underway time. The first port visit of the deployment, to Pusan, Korea, saw the first Inport Replenishment (INREP) done by CARL VINSON with an Mobile Logistics Support Force (MLSF) ship. This policy of conducting INREPs was continued in subsequent ports, resulting in a reduction in the number of UNREPs done by the ship. The port visit to Subic Bay in September 1986 involved an around the clock material loadout of stores for all Supply divisions. After entering the Indian Ocean, the department settled into a routine of anchoring at Al Masirah, Oman, and conducting regular airhead operations there. Support of the battle group again became a challenge as it remained dispersed throughout the Indian Ocean and CARL VINSON continued to be responsible for logistics coordination.

**Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department.** 1986 was a banner year for CARL VINSON's AIMD Department. AIMD completed an Aviation Maintenance Inspection, received numerous accolades and an overall adjective grade of excellent. It inducted 29,531 items, an increase of 9,000 items over 1985. CARL VINSON's AIMD documented 556,679 manhours and had an annual efficiency of 75.9 percent. Support Equipment availability was outstanding which directly effected the success of CVW-15.

**Air Department.** Air Department had many notable accomplishments in 1986. These included 13,850 catapult launches and 13,935 arrested landings, bringing the ship's total arrested landings to 56,218 at the end of the year. V-1 (Flight Deck) made 89,938 aircraft moves with an aircraft crunch rate of only .0002446. V-3 Division (Hanger Bays) made 3,621 aircraft moves and ended the year with an impressive aircraft crunch rate of only .0002. V-4 Division (Fuels) received over 23,525,932 gallons of JP-5 aircraft fuel from tankers and conducted the first pierside refueling of CARL VINSON. Air Department operated every type of carrier-capable aircraft in the Navy inventory, carrier qualified three separate air wings, and conducted 32 vertical replenishments -- receiving 1,700 lifts during 1986.

**Communications Department.**

January -Implemented UHF Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA) operation achieving initial operating capability (ICO) in late January.

March -Installed Officer in Tactical Command Information Exchange Subsystem (OTCIXS).

April -NAVELEX Vallejo installed a prototype AN/WSC-3 SATCOM antenna splitter which allowed the two OE-82C SATCOM antenna to track two widely separated satellite constellations simultaneously.

July -Installed two new high-speed, heavy-duty XEROX 1090 reproduction machines replacing the older XEROX 1075's.

September -Modified all installed TSEC/KW-37 crypto equipment to meet the new requirements.

November -Installed Message Processing and Distribution System software release 11.2.

**MESSAGE VOLUME FOR 1986**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL SENT</u>	<u>TOTAL RECEIVED</u>	<u>HF SENT</u>	<u>HF RECEIVED</u>
January	1,819	12,168	0	0
February	1,551	10,311	0	0
March	3,977	17,375	536	1,925
April	4,902	18,942	201	2,822
May	4,965	18,750	0	0
June	5,807	16,431	0	0
July	4,203	16,969	0	0
August	4,556	23,847	0	0
September	5,012	24,163	0	0
October	7,553	29,830	0	0
November	6,984	27,352	446	1,299
December	5,225	23,816	201	1,027
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>56,554</u>	<u>239,954</u>	<u>1,384</u>	<u>7,073</u>

**Maintenance Department.** 1986 was a year of change for the Management Information Systems Department. Previously, functions were distributed among three divisions: Shipboard Nontactical ADP Programs (SNAP), Administrative Support (ASD), and Research and Development (R&D). The department was streamlined by returning the SNAP division to S-7 in Supply and moving the R&D Division into the Administrative Support Division. These moves reflect the

command's preference for a more traditional view of supply department structure versus a contemporary approach to office automation. This system separates system users from system operators. The Personnel Database System was completely revised, resulting in a more friendly management tool for Division Officers and to support specific applications for the Personnel Division and the chain-of-command. This project required over six months of redesign and COBOL programming to complete. The embarked staff, Carrier Group Three, undertook a major project evaluation for the Naval Ocean Systems Center during work-ups of the Command Action Team (CAT). CAT is an artificial intelligence based threat assessment system. CAT uses an expert system language to analyze real time intelligence and sensor inputs and provide the decision maker with customized warnings of changes in the tactical situation. Management was tasked to maintain this system's two hardware components: a pair of SUN Workstations and the VAX 11/780 Minicomputer.

**Dental Department.** Throughout 1986, the emphasis for the Dental Department was to strive for a 100 percent dental readiness classification for the ship's company and embarked airwing. By January, the Dental Department, like the rest of CARL VINSON, prepared for the upcoming RIMPAC 86 and the WESTPAC deployment. At the start of RIMPAC, on 2 May when the airwing embarked on board, the dental readiness of CARL VINSON was 85 percent and CVW-15 was 75 percent. A new concept of Dental Assist teams was instituted and ships of Battle Group CHARLIE were visited by a Dentist and Dental Technician on a rotating basis. Records were reviewed and examinations performed which increased dental readiness of the battle group. In July, Lieutenant Commander Taylor Meiser reported aboard as the Prosthetic Officer, relieving Lieutenant Commander Boyd Robinson. By 31 December, the readiness of CVN-70 and CVW-15 had been raised to 94 percent and 92 percent respectively. By the end of 1986, the Dental Department accomplished the following impressive number of procedures:

Restorative	13,020
Endodontics	720
Periodontics	6,686
Prosthodontics	554
Oral Surgery	3,113
Examinations	21,704
Orthodontics	73
<u>Laboratory</u>	<u>23,722</u>
 TOTAL 1986 PROCEDURES	 84,441
 TOTAL PATIENT SITTINGS	 17,444

**LEGAL.** On 28 August 1986, Administrative Department's Legal Division separated and became its own department. The basic function of the new Legal Department is to act as an advisor to the Commanding Officer concerning the interpretation and application of the Uniform Code of

Military Justice and other military laws and regulations. The goal of the Legal Department is to maintain discipline and to assist with prompt, fair administration of justice within the command. The department was organized into two divisions: L-1 Division which handles courts-martial, non-judicial punishment, administrative discharges, claims, and legal assistance; and L-2 Division which is the Master-at-Arms Force. L-2 Division maintains shipboard patrols, ensures security on board the ship, responds to drills and actual emergencies, conducts investigations, provides crowd control, and processes urinalysis samples.

### Weapons Department.

#### 1986 Weapons Department Evolutions

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVOLUTION</u>
10 JAN 86	MAJOR WEAPONS ONLOAD WITH USS KISKA.
21 JAN 86	3-M INSPECTION BY AIRPAC, OUTSTANDING SCORE OF 97.2.
21 JAN 86	MINE PACKAGE ONLOAD.
22 JAN 86	NAVSEA TORPEDO MK-46 TRAINING READINESS ASSIST TEAM (TRAT).
06 FEB 86	OFFLOAD NON-READY FOR ISSUE ORDNANCE TO NAS ALAMEDA.
10 FEB 86	NAVSEA EXPLOSIVE SHIPBOARD SAFETY INSPECTION (ESSI) COMMENTS: BEST ON THE WEST COAST.
18 FEB 86	OFFLOAD RETROGRADE TO NAS ALAMEDA.
19 FEB 86	ADVANCED DETACHMENT DEPARTED TO NAS FALLON, Nev., TO SUPPORT CVW-15 ORDNANCE TRAINING EVOLUTIONS.
21 FEB 86	REMAINDER OF DETACHMENT DEPARTS TO NAS FALLON.
05 MAR 86	ONLOAD OF MISC. ORDNANCE FROM NAS ALAMEDA.
06 MAR 86	FALLON DETACHMENT RETURNS.
13 MAR 86	UNDERWAY FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (SOCAL) OPERATING (OP) AREA.
20 MAR 86	ONLOAD 4 EXERCISE TORPEDOES.
21 MAR 86	UNDERWAY SOCAL OPAREA. AIRPAC ADVANCED TRAINING ASSESSMENT BEGINS. 96.88 IS THE HIGHEST GRADE GIVEN BY THIS TEAM DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS IN AN ORE TYPE ENVIRONMENT.
23 MAR 86	MINE EXERCISE (MINEX).
24-25 MAR 86	NORTHERN EXERCISE (NOREX).
25 MAR 86	MINEWARCOM MINE READINESS CERTIFICATION INSPECTION (MRCI).
26 MAR 86	MINE EXERCISE.
27 MAR 86	MINE READINESS CERTIFICATION INSPECTION.
29-30 MAR 86	INPORT SAN DIEGO.
	ONLOAD 3 MK-46 EXERCISE TORPEDOES.
31 MAR 86	UNDERWAY SOCAL OPAREA.
08 APR 86	ANCHORED NAS NORTH ISLAND.
09 APR 86	SAFETY STANDDOWN.
10 APR 86	UNDERWAY.
14 APR 86	INPORT NAS ALAMEDA.
21 APR 86	ONLOAD/OFFLOAD, NAS ALAMEDA.
01 MAY 86	ONLOAD FROM NAS ALAMEDA.
02 MAY 86	UNDERWAY TO SOCAL/MIDPAC OPAREA FOR RIMPAC OPERATIONS.
07-09 MAY 86	INPORT NAS NORTH ISLAND.
09 MAY 86	UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO MIDPAC OPAREA.
12 MAY 86	ONLOAD FROM USS FLINT.
16-27 MAY 86	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.

27 MAY 86	UNDERWAY MIDPAC OPAREA FOR RIMPAC OPERATIONS.
12 JUN 86	NON-NUCLEAR AMMUNITION INVENTORY ACCURACY (NAIA) PROGRAM REPORTED TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING ATR ERROR RATE OF 4%.
18-25 JUN 86	IMPORT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.
25 JUN 86	UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO NAS ALAMEDA.
01 JUL 86	ONLOAD FROM USS MOUNT HOOD.
02 JUL 86	IMPORT NAS ALAMEDA.
17 JUL 86	ONLOAD FROM NAS ALAMEDA.
28 JUL 86	OFFLOAD TO NAS ALAMEDA.
05 AUG 86	FAST CRUISE.
06 AUG 86	ONLOAD FROM NAS ALAMEDA.
11 AUG 86	ONLOAD FROM NAS ALAMEDA.
12 AUG 86	UNDERWAY FOR WESTPAC & INDIAN OCEAN.
20 AUG 86	AGM-123 SKIPPER TRAINING.
27 AUG 86	INCHOP REPORT TO SEVENTH FLEET.
29 AUG 86	VERTREP WITH USS ROANOKE.
01 SEP 86	IMPORT PUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
05 SEP 86	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.
12 SEP 86	IMPORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.
14 SEP 86	OFFLOAD OF RETRO GRADE TO NAS CUBI PT.
15 SEP 86	ONLOAD OF 21,120 X RR-129 CHAFF.
17 SEP 86	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE TO SINGAPORE.
20 SEP 86	FIREPOWER DEMO FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI.
23 SEP 86	ANCHORED AT MARINA BAY, SINGAPORE.
28 SEP 86	UNDERWAY FOR INDIAN OCEAN.
30 SEP 86	TORPEDO LOADEX.
03 OCT 86	UNREP WITH USS FLINT.
04 OCT 86	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS LOADEX.
	OTTO FUEL DRILL.
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	ANCHORED DIEGO GARCIA.
09 OCT 86	ONLOAD FROM USS FLINT.
11 OCT 86	UNDERWAY NORTH ARABIAN SEA.
14 OCT 86	.50 CAL. FAMFIRE.
16 OCT 86	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS LOADEX.
17 OCT 86	ANCHORED MASIRAH.
19 OCT 86	STEEL BEACH PICNIC.
20 OCT 86	DC OLYMPICS.
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30 OCT 86	ANCHORED MASIRAH.
01 NOV 86	PERSONNEL INSPECTION.
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11 NOV 86	UNDERWAY EN ROUTE TO MOMBASA, KENYA.

14 NOV 86 CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS LOADEX.  
 16 NOV 86 ANCHORED MOMBASA.  
 23 NOV 86 UNDERWAY INDIAN OCEAN.  
 29 NOV 86 ANCHORED DIEGO GARCIA, B.I.O.T.  
 04 DEC 86 OFFLOAD TO NAF DIEGO GARCIA.  
 05 DEC 86 ONLOAD FROM NAF DIEGO GARCIA.  
 07 DEC 86 UNDERWAY INDIAN OCEAN, COMMENCE WEAPONS WEEK.  
 WEAPONS SAFETY ASSIST TEAM ONBOARD (WSAT).  
 WEAPONS ELEVATOR ASSIST TEAM ONBOARD (WEAT).  
 16-17 DEC 86 WESTERN AUSTRALIA WEAPONS SUPPORT.  
 19 DEC 86 ANCHORED PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.  
 27 DEC 86 UNDERWAY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

**Safety Department.**

CARL VINSON CY86 MISHAPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CLASS/TYPE MISHAP/TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>
26MAR86	VF-51	Class A Flight Mishap, F-14A Aircraft departed controlled flight and entered a flat spin during a training mission. Aircrew ejected, aircraft lost at sea in SOCAL.
01APR86	VA-52	Class C Flight Mishap, KA-6D Aircraft diverted to land at NAS North Island when nose gear failed to extend. Jettisoned tanks. Landed with all gear up, intentionally.
06APR86	VA-97	Class A Flight Related Mishap During launch evolution VA-52 final checker blown overboard by an A-6E from VA-52 on Catapult 3 after being blown behind the A-6E by jet blast of taxiing A-7E from VA-97. Fatal Injury.
18JUN86	VA-97	Class C Ground Mishap, A-7E Hangar Bay number one elevator door closed on aft section of A-7E when an ocean wave threw Cross Deck Pendant crates, stacked near the elevator well, into the electrical control mechanism for the elevator door, causing uncommanded closing of the door.
14AUG86	VA-52	Class C Flight Mishap, A-6E While aircraft was in tension on catapult four, cranial helmet of topside Safety Petty Officer trainee was ingested into starboard engine. No injuries.
18SEP86	VA-52	Class B Ground Mishap 01-86, A-6E Aircraft towed over squadron ordnanceman's leg during flight deck respot. Ordnanceman's leg was lost.
23OCT86	VF-51	Class C Flight Mishap, F-14A Engine FOD during catapult launch, due to landing gear locking pin falling out of nose wheel well compartment, and being ingested, during the catapult stroke.

17NOV86 CVN-70 Liberty Barge Mishap, Mombasa, Kenya. Liberty boat mooring line got fouled on overflow pipe of barge moored to fantail. Barge was used to moor liberty boats during loading/unloading evolution. Overflow pipe parted from Liberty barge, hitting a crewmember tending mooring lines in the face. Injury caused compound fracture to jaw and fractured larynx. Medevaced to an Army Medical Facility in West Germany.

NOV86 VA-97 Class C Flight Mishap, A-7E. A-7E right main landing gear collapsed during day Case I landing. Fuselage impacted the landing area.

29NOV86 HS-4 Class B Flight Mishap, SH-3H. During ground taxi at NAF Diego Garcia, helicopter tail rotor impacted jet blast deflector fence. No injuries.

29DEC86 VA-97 Class A Flight Mishap, A-6E. Aircraft had no brakes due to flap handle being in the isolation mode. Could not stop after commencement of taxi. Lost over the port side, successful ejection.

#### Chaplain Department.

02SEP CARL VINSON provided funds in the amount of \$2000.00 which provided for the purchase of a charcoal heating system for the orphanage of Bo Yuk Won in Chinhae, Republic of Korea.

16SEP Four Dentists and eight Dental Technicians performed oral screening exams, flouride rinse treatments and dental extractions at two separate locations in the Republic of the Philippines. Forty-five children at the Philippine Independent Church, under the auspices of the Rev. Pedro Iballo Foundation in Subic Bay were treated.

17SEP Ten men completed the stucco paint project on two buildings at the Olongapo Elementary School. Operation Handclasp provided the materials as the Navy community again worked together in reaching out to those less privileged.

17SEP Twenty men constructed several room additions to a local church in Olongapo, providing space and shelter for 21 of the city's street children.

17SEP CARL VINSON provided funds in the amount of \$1600.00 to Typhoon Relief, Servicemens Center, and the Roman Catholic Barrio Parishes in the Republic of the Philippines. \$603.00 was raised by a CARL VINSON fund drive.

26SEP Thirteen men completed cleaning and tilling 800 square feet of land at the Madonna Home for the Elderly in Singapore (to be utilized as a garden, providing food for the home).

18NOV Fifty-five men refurbished the interior and exterior walls of the Tononoka Nursery School in Mombasa, Kenya.

22DEC Fifteen men flew in a H-46 to the town of Lancelin, Western Australia to participate in a community project consisting of the construction of school playground equipment.

Administrative Department. CARL VINSON was given a Command Inspection on 3-4 March 1986 by Commander, Carrier Group THREE, receiving a grade of Satisfactory.

### 1986 RETENTION STATISTICS

USS CARL VINSON has an aggressive, well-trained and well organized Retention Team. Ensuring training levels within the command remain at the highest level, a monthly Career Information & Counseling Program for all Department and Divisional Career Counselors was held onboard. The command has 18 Department Career Counselors and 112 Division Career Counselors. This provides one counselor for every 26 men.

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Ineligible</u>	<u>Reenlisted</u>	<u>Gross %</u>	<u>Ineligible</u>
First Term	449	80	134	30%	18%
Second Term	50	03	32	64%	6%
Career	<u>129</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>78%</u>	<u>3%</u>
Total	628	87	266	42%	14%



## 1986 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND MEDIA VISITS AT SEA

07-09 JAN Seven CVN-70 distinguished visitors from San Francisco Bay Area.

09-10 JAN Four COMMATVAQWINGPAC Distinguished Visitors.

09-10 JAN Two reporters from Hayward Daily Review.

10-11 JAN Six COMNAVAIRPAC Distinguished Visitors.

11-12 JAN Six COMNAVAIRPAC and one CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

12-14 JAN Five CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors from San Francisco Bay Area.

13-19 MAR CHINFO-sponsored media embark of Mr. Neil Leifer, reporter, and Mr. James Keyser, photographer, from Time magazine.

13-15 MAR Five Chief of Naval Operations/CCG3 Distinguished Visitors, two CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors and one COMNAVAIRPAC Distinguished Visitor.

14-15 MAR VADM James Stockdale, USN, (Ret.), and Mr. Richard Burress. VADM Stockdale is Senior Research Fellow at Hoover Institute and Mr. Burress is Associate Director and Senior Fellow at Hoover Institute. VADM Stockdale addressed officers and CPOs.

15 MAR Twenty-five select members of the President's Committee on Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, plus one military escort, for a daylight visit.

15-16 MAR Five CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

15-16 MAR Alice Stratton, Deputy Assistant SECNAV (Personnel and Families) plus one female Navy escort for an orientation visit to the ship.

17-19 MAR One COMCARGRU THREE Distinguished Visitor.

17-19 MAR One COMNAVAIRPAC Media embark, Mr. Wayne Dunlap, editor and publisher of Pacific Flyer, a civil aviation magazine.

18-19 MAR Six COMNAVAIRPAC/CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

27-28 MAR Six COMNAVAIRPAC Distinguished Visitors, including four from University of Oklahoma.

03-04 APR VADM K. E. Moranville, COMMANDER THIRD FLEET, and aide for series of briefings.

19 APR Approximately 6,000 sailors, dependents and guests, including Merlin Olson, actor and former pro-football player, embarked for a half-day Dependents Cruise.

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02-03 MAY Four CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors from NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, area.

03-05 MAY Three CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

05-06 MAY Mr. Tom Blackhaller, skipper of U.S.A., America's Cup challenger, guest of COMNAVAIRPAC.

05-06 MAY Six COMNAVAIRPAC Distinguished Visitors.

14-15 MAY Commander-in-Chief Pacific Air Force, GEN Bazley, on board to observe flight operations.

17 JUN Six COMTHIRDFLT Distinguished Visitors during RIMPAC '86.

17 JUN Nine civilians from Hawaiian TV and newspapers, plus five civilian journalist/Public Affairs persons.

25JUN-02JUL Six CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

12 AUG Two CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors from San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

12-13 AUG Nine CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors.

12-13 AUG Michael Hegedus, Molly McCrea and Al Lopez of KPIX-TV 5 (ABC affiliate), San Francisco, to shoot footage for "New Navy" feature.

31 AUG Republic of Korea Distinguished Visitors General Oh Ja Bok, Chairman, JCS; Rear Admiral Kim Chong Ho, DCNO for Operations, ROKN; Brigadier General Cho Jung Hyun, ROKAF, Deputy Director Operations Bureau, JCS; Commodore Gan Yong Tae, ROKN, Operations Bureau, JCS; and Commander Park Sae Hun, Executive Assistant to CJCS. Co-hosted by COMCARGRU THREE and CVN-70.

08 SEP RADM Dennis Brooks, Commander Task Force 70, plus four staff members for a series of briefings.

20 SEP Commander, SEVENTH Fleet and various senior Brunei military officials.

22 SEP Ten Singapore media representatives, consisting of one television film crew (one cameraman and one soundman), two television producers, two newspaper photographers and four senior newspaper editors, accompanied by Asst. U.S. Naval Attache and USIS Public Affairs Officer.

22 SEP Special visit by LTC Lim Chong Kiat, Royal Singaporean Navy, Head, Naval Operations; LTC Ho Meng Kit, RSN, Head, Naval Plans; and MAJ Tan Peng Yong, Head, Naval Intelligence.

27SEP-02OCT USO sponsored 1st Airborne Division Rock and Roll Show, featuring Tom Johnston of Doobie Brothers, Kansas, Le Roux, Pablo Cruise, and others. Nineteen members of troupe, including USO official, one female photographer, a video cameraman for performances in battle group. Performed on board 28 SEP. Used CVN-70 as platform through 02 OCT while performing to the rest of battle group.

25 OCT COMIDEASTFOR, RADM H. J. Bernsen, on board to meet with COMCARGRU THREE.

02 NOV Five COMCARGRU THREE/CVN-70 Distinguished Visitors Ambassador G. Cranwell Montgomery, Ambassador to Oman; Ambassador Walter L. Cutler, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and three others for lunch and tour of ship.

17 NOV Mr. Tom Ogechi, Coast Provincial Commissioner; Mr. Ahmed Mwidanti, Mayor of Mombasa, Kenya; and Major General Simon Mbilu, Commander, Kenyan Navy; plus six others for official calls, lunch and a tour of the ship.

18 NOV Ten U.S. and Kenyan journalists, with USIS escorts, for tour of ship, taking photographs, lunch and meeting with COMCARGRU THREE and C.O. CVN-70.

21 NOV Ms. Elinor G. Constable, United States Ambassador to Kenya; COL Shaun T. Malloy, U.S. Army, Defense Attache; and Mr. Eugene Schmiel, American Consul, for tour of ship, lunch and exchange of courtesies.

24-25 NOV RADM Dennis M. Brooks, Commander Task Force SEVEN ZERO (CTF 70), and CAPT T. Triebel, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia, plus two CTF-70 staff officers.

07 DEC Country-Western Music Superstar Loretta Lynn and 25 members of the "Loretta Lynn DOD-USO Celebrity Show" got underway from Diego Garcia with CARL VINSON to view flight operations, tour ship and meet crewmembers. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, plus seven others, spent preceding night on board following group's concert on board.

13-19 DEC Deputy Chief of Chaplains RADM Koeneman visited Battle Group Charlie, using CVN-70 as base of operations.

17 DEC Twelve Western Australia media representatives, escorted by COMSEVENTHFLT PA Rep. Tony Holmes, Photographer, Jane's Fighting Ships; Gerry Carman, Editor, Aircraft Magazine; Geoff Thomas, Reporter, Aircraft Magazine; Lawie Baker, Photographer, Aircraft Magazine; Randal Markey, Reporter, West Australian (Newspaper); Ken Maley, Photographer, West Australian; Joe Poprzeczny, Reporter, The Australian (Newspaper); Ernie McLintock, Photographer, The Australian; Allan Solley, Reporter, Channel 7 (TV); Ingo Helbig, Cameraman, Channel 7; Diane Topliss, Reporter, and Max Moore, Photographer, The Voice (Newspaper).

18-19 DEC

Nineteen Australian Distinguished Visitors, including Mr. Kim Beazley, Australian Minister of Defence, his wife, and Mr. Alan Woods, Secretary of the Department of Defence, who remained on board overnight.

19 DEC

Five Distinguished Visitors Mr. Michael A. Michael, Lord Mayor of Perth; Mr. M. J. Bryce, Deputy Premier of Western Australia; Mr. John Cattalini, Mayor of Fremantle; Commodore R. Malcolm Baird, NOCWA; and Mr. William Itoh, U.S. Consul General for tour of ship.

31 DEC

Thirty-four Distinguished Visitors from Jakarta, Indonesia, including Chief of Staff Indonesian Air Force, and Deputy Chief of Staff Indonesian Army; Deputy for Operations Indonesian Navy and seven U.S. military attaches.

1986 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS, MEDIA VISITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN PORT

06 JAN 1986 East-West Shrine Bowl teams on board for media opportunity and to meet with crew. 100 players, including coaches and assistants, toured ship, ate with crew on mess decks and mingled with crew on flight deck.

11 JAN Forty Delayed Entry Program personnel for tour of ship.

11 JAN One hundred members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for tour of ship.

25 JAN Forty visitors from Army Officers Wives Club of Hamilton Air Force Base for tour of ship.

07 FEB Ninety Canadian officers hosted at request of COMNAVBASE San Francisco for tour of ship.

08 FEB Nine reservists from Naval Air Reserve Alameda for tour.

13 FEB Fourteen Visitors from Sanger High School, Lemoore, Calif., for tour.

14 FEB Twenty-five members of the Association of Naval Aviation, headed by RADM McWilliams for tour.

18 FEB Forty Delayed Entry Program personnel for tour.

19 FEB Eighty members of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers for tour.

22 FEB Forty people (mentally retarded adults) from the Recreation and Parks Department of Santa Rosa, Calif., for tour of ship.

22 FEB Fourteen DEP personnel from Navy Recruiting Station, Fremont, Calif., for tour.

23 FEB One hundred members of the Rossmoor (Calif.) Lions Club for tour of ship.

23 FEB Twenty Tiger Cub Scouts and adults from Hayward, Calif., for tour.

24 FEB Thirty-three students from Carson (Calif.) High School NJROTC for tour.

26 FEB Assistant City Manager of Lafayette, Calif., and eight others for tour.

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27 FEB Fifty students from Roseland School, Santa Rosa, Calif., for tour.

01 MAR Fifteen teenagers from the Harbor House of Oakland (Southeast Asian refugees) for tour.

01 MAR One hundred Cub Scouts, including parents, from Mount Diablo, Calif., for tour.

02 MAR Thirty Indian Guides and adults from Suisun City, Calif., for tour.

04 MAR Two members of the Japanese consulate, plus three men from NIS (Regional Director, Deputy Regional Director and Special Agent), for tour.

04 MAR Eighty DEP personnel from Sacramento, Calif., for tour.

05 MAR Thirty students from John F. Kennedy school, Daly City, Calif., for tour.

05 MAR Eighty members of the Marin County Navy League for tour.

08 MAR Fifty Boy Scouts of Troop 836, Danville, Calif., for tour.

08 MAR Fifty-five members of the Samoan Church for tour.

08 MAR Twenty members of the Dublin (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce for tour.

09 MAR Seventy Boy and Cub Scouts from San Ramon, Calif., for tour.

17 APR Fifteen people from an Alameda pre-school for tour.

17 APR Ten senior executives from United Airlines for lunch and tour.

18 APR Ten members of CBHU-7D of Charlotte, N.C., for tour.

18 APR Twenty-five honor students from the Liberty Christian Academy, Carson City, Nev., for tour of ship.

20 APR Thirty-five people from Tiger Cub Scout Pack 195 for tour.

21 APR Thirteen members of the Coro Foundation for tour.

23 APR Ten people from the Calvary Baptist Church of Fairfield, Calif., for tour.

25 APR Thirty members of the Navy Wives Club of American for tour of ship.

26 APR Twenty-five members of Cub Scout Pack 94 of El Cerrito, Calif., for tour.

27 APR Forty Boy Scouts from Troop 236 of Danville, Calif., for tour.

28 APR Eighty-five visitors from the North Valley Baptist Church, Santa Clara, Calif., for tour of ship.

29 APR Fifty students from Westmoor High School for tour of ship. Westmoor is CVN-70's adopted school.

01 MAY Fifty students from Westmoor High School for tour of ship.

24 MAY Fifteen CVN-70 dependent high school students for tour of ship.

03 JUL Three hundred members of the San Francisco Navy League for lunch and tour.

05 JUL Fifty SUPSHIP/PERA employees and family members from Hunter's Point for tour of ship.

11 JUL Fifty-six international flag officers from the Defense Resources Management Education Center, Monterey, Calif., for tour.

12 JUL Seventy-five members of the Bay Area's M.I.T. Club for tour of ship.

13 JUL Twenty-six people from Cub Scout Pack 825 of Alameda, Calif., for tour.

18 JUL Retired RADM Gay of Menlo Park, Calif., plus five others for informal tour.

19 JUL Thirty-five members of the Calvary Baptist Church's Boys Brigade group for tour.

19 JUL Fifty members of the Golden Gate Breakfast Club for tour of ship.

19 JUL Forty people from the Indian Guides of Walnut Creek, Calif., for tour of ship.

21 JUL Twenty-five students from the Douglas Tilden School of the Deaf, Oakland, Calif., for tour of ship and lunch.

21 JUL Forty members of the Italian Athletic Club on board for dinner in Wardroom and a tour.

24 JUL Four Navy League members for tour and dinner in Wardroom.

26 JUL NAS Alameda Engineers, group tour of 75 people.

27 JUL Forty people from the Civil Air Patrol for tour of ship.

28 JUL           Latter Day Saints group tour and lunch.

30 JUL           Fifty members of the Sons in Retirement and American Association of Retired Personnel (combined group) for tour of ship.

07 AUG           Eight members of the Naval ROTC unit from U.C.-Berkeley for tour.

01 SEP           Fifteen Republic of Korea media members plus two U.S. Public Affairs personnel.

01 SEP           Fifteen Republic of Korea Air Force personnel and fifteen personnel from the U.S.I.S. for tour of ship.

02 SEP           Thirty U.S. Army personnel for tour of ship.

03 SEP           Fifteen Republic of Korea Army personnel and fifteen personnel from the U.S.I.S. for tour of ship.

04 SEP           Ten Republic of Korea Navy personnel and twenty U.S. Navy personnel for tour of ship.

01 DEC           Sir Humphrey Atkins, Chairman of the British House of Commons Defense Committee; Mr. William Marsden, Commissioner of BIOT; British Members of Parliament Mr. Winston Churchill III, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. Neil Thorn, plus three staff members, and CAPT T. Triebel, CO, Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia, for luncheon and tour of ship.

03 DEC           ADM James A. Lyons, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, plus four staff assistants for briefings and an in port tour of ship.

06 DEC           Country-Western Music Superstar Loretta Lynn and 25 members of the "Loretta Lynn DOD-USO Celebrity Show" on board CARL VINSON to perform a concert (Diego Garcia/at sea).

22 DEC           Thirty Distinguished Visitors, including Mr. William Itoh, U.S. Consul General, Australian state government officials and America's Cup VIPs.



**CAPTAIN George D. O'Brien, Jr., U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)**

Captain George D. O'Brien, Jr., was born in (b) (6). He was raised and attended schools in (b) (6) and in (b) (6) including (b) (6).

He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960 and was designated a naval aviator in November 1961.

In 1962, he reported to Patrol Squadron Sixteen, where he completed deployments to Iceland, Bermuda and South Africa. During this tour he qualified as a patrol plane commander in both the P2 and the P3 aircraft.

From January 1966 to June 1970 he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where in June 1970 he was awarded a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a member of Sigma Xi.

Following completion of Jet Transition Training in October 1970 and subsequent training in the A-6 Intruder, he reported to VA-34 in Oceana, Virginia. In VA-34 he made two Mediterranean deployments in USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), serving as operations officer and subsequently as aircraft maintenance officer.

After a tour in VX-5 as director of A-6 aircraft test projects and a brief tour as readiness officer on the staff of Commander Medium Attack Wing One, he joined VA-35 as executive officer in January 1976. In March 1977 he assumed command of VA-35. During this tour the squadron deployed in USS Nimitz (CVN-68) for its first two Mediterranean deployments and won both the AIRLANT Battle Efficiency and the Aviation Safety Awards.

Following this tour, Captain O'Brien served briefly as director of engineering for the A-6 aircraft program with the Naval Air Systems Command. He completed nuclear power training in Orlando, Florida, and Idaho Falls, Idaho, before reporting to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) in September 1980 as executive officer. In the Ike, he completed deployments to the Indian Ocean and to the Mediterranean.

In January 1983, he assumed command of USS Wabash (AOR-5) in Alameda, California. In Wabash, he deployed to the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean with the USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group.

From July 1984 to July 1985, he was a fellow of the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island. In August 1985, he reported to the staff of Commander-in-Chief Atlantic and Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet as assistant chief of staff for current operations.

He assumed command of USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) on March 20, 1986, while Carl Vinson was in port San Diego.

Captain O'Brien has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has logged over 5,000 flight hours in various types of aircraft and has made over 600 carrier landings.

Captain O'Brien is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They have four children, (b) (6) who's a student at the Naval Academy Preparatory School, and (b) (6). They currently reside in (b) (6).

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